

REMARKS

The applicant thanks the examiner and her supervisor for the helpful telephone interview held on October 25, 2001. We discussed claim 15. The examiner's supervisor noted the relevance of folder and file navigation views available in Microsoft Windows, for example.

Applicant proposes to amend claim 15 to clarify the user-interface actions and to make other clerical changes.

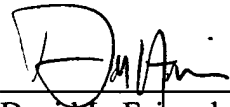
Claim 15 now recites that "the change in the portion of the hierarchy that is displayed" as a result of the first type of user-interface action is "accompanied by a change in the scale at which at least some of the nodes of the portion are displayed." An example is shown in the sequence of figure 17 in which, viewing from upper left to lower right, the scale of the "lend - loin" node gets larger as a result of the user varying the portion of the hierarchy that is being displayed.

None of the references relied on by the examiner discloses or suggests the invention recited in claim 15 and that claim is patentable. Claims 1 and 8 have been allowed, and all other claims are dependent on claims 1, 8, and 15 (the examiner apparently incorrectly indicated in her action that claim 9 is an independent claim), and therefore the dependent claims should be allowed, too.

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